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Applicant:	GOMBRICH et al.	Examiner:	unknown
Serial No.:	10/004,704	Group Art Unit:	1636
Filed:	4 December 2001	Docket No.:	13389.17USU1
Title:	CELL TRANSFER DEVICE		

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that the references listed were cited in a Partial International Search Report dated 14 November 2002. A copy of the Partial International Search Report is enclosed.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

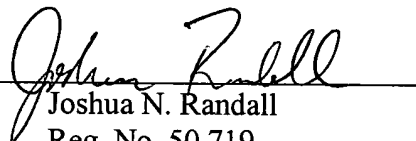
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Respectfully submitted,

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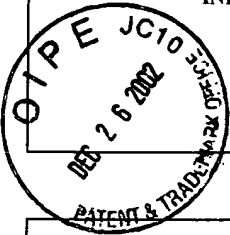
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